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The paper is late again this week but we are able to give some good news by being late. Word has just reached the editor via the new submarine cable from Honolulu, that the NC65 will be down Thanksgiving week.

We were under the impression all along that the little mynah bird was a male and now she went and laid a submarine cable. We told her to stay out of that duck pen where we have the two male pintales.

If the NC65 comes in around her usual time, PLEASE give the boys who have to do the work of unloading a break. Remember the guard cable is put up for a purpose. We know you will have friends you want to greet but wait until they leave the plane or meet them at the hotel. MAHALO.

Three new arrivals came in on the navy plane Thursday morning. H. Comara, cable splicer with the Mutual Telephone Co. in Honolulu arrived for a weeks work on the cable from the new control building to the transmitter building on Munge Island. Doug MacArthur and Kam Hee, arrived to assist the crew installing the new radio equipment.

When the plane departed on the return trip to Honolulu, George Avery went up for medical treatment. Buck Malaney, Mabry, Dick Storey and Herrington, all from the construction crew, returned to Honolulu.

Next week there is quite a list of out going passengers. How many and who they are is still a mystery, because we do not know how many will go by the NC65 and how many will go by the navy plane.

The first of the three housing units for the Bureau Of Standards personnel is almost finished and the foundations for the other two have been poured and it will only be a few days before another house is going up on the second foundation.

The hotel is taking on a new color as Tony and his boys are giving it a working over with spray guns and brushes.

The hanger is getting a face lifting and when Mo Ewen gets thru with it, there wont be so much rain blowing in from the runway side.

The NOBLE BALD HEAD mentioned last week has competition. Bob Hall's place in Hangerville, has taken on a bald headed look in the bright sunlight.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day and will be a Holliday. There are a lot of things that we miss by living on a coral atoll, almost in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. BUT we have a lot to be thankful for which we did not have last year. The Honolulu strikes have not affected us too much, the west coast shipping strike, has to a small extent. On the other side of the record, our mail service is better than it has ever been since the navy moved out last year. Quite a number of families are together or will be, before the year is out, due to the apartments being finished. The commissary is better stocked than it was last year. A school teacher is expected in the near future. The weather has been good and we have not had some of the food shortages that came up last year. The fresh vegetable supply has not been as great, due to the change in supply boats. This year two of the papaya trees started bearing fruit and a third may have fruit starting in several weeks. Next year we hope to have several trees for each of the families and as our experiments progress there may be a number of vegetable gardens.

Palmyra Island is home to quite a number of people here and we are thankful for the blessings we have received. Another of the good things that came this year was Doc. Shields, our medical man. His training and knowledge has meant a lot to the moral on the island.

TIDE MARCHES ON.

Honolulu, has second annual Aloha week, which ends tomorrow night after a week of festivity.

The A.F. of L. says to stop appeasing Russia, to use force if necessary.

The Lamp Post, one of Honolulu's newest bottle clubs, burns to the ground. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

THE CLOCK IS STOPPED.

Negotiations in the west coast shipping strike have been going on for ten days with such success that both sides agreed to stop the clock. It was thought that possibly some of the 200 ships, might start sailing before next Saturday.

There was no news from Canton Island this week, but we expect to have a little about them after NC65 returns from down there with a load of people returning to Honolulu, after being down there for a year. Mr. Snyder our new WTIC is expected to come up from there on the NC65.

LET'S GROW OUR OWN FOOD.

By Louise S. Jensen, as published in the Honolulu Star Bulletin.

HOW TO TRANSPLANT PAPAYA TREES.

Here's more about growing papaya trees. Soon after the seeds in the seed flat have germinated, put the flat in full sunlight and let the seedlings grow for three or four weeks. Be sure to water the flat every day but also be sure the drainage is good.

After three or four weeks, transplant each seedling to a tin can about four inches in diameter. Punch six or seven holes in the bottom of the can. It's also a good idea to put a few ~~size~~ fair sized pebbles in the bottom. They tend to prevent soil from washing out through the holes.

When the seedlings are six or eight inches high, transplant them to a sunny location in the garden.

Many home gardeners set the trees too close together. They should be at least eight feet apart. Ten feet is better. However, it's all right to set the seedlings much closer than this and thin them out later, as some of the seedlings may die and some of the trees will be males unless you have planted selected seed.

You can't tell whether the trees are male, female, or bi-sexual until blossoms appear. In another article I'll tell you how to distinguish the three types.

About three or four weeks after the seedlings are set in the ground, they will need some commercial fertilizer. Dr. William B. Storey of the university's agricultural experiment station recommends a complete fertilizer high in phosphorus. He suggests 6-12-6 or 8-12-6.

For the first application, give each tree about a third of a pound. Place it in one spot, well down in the soil, near enough so the small roots can get to it but not in direct contact with the roots. Thereafter give each tree slightly more than half a pound of fertilizer at three month intervals.

The most desirable papaya trees are the bi-sexual type of the solo variety. These produce medium sized pear shaped fruits, the kind usually found in the market.

However, all of your seedlings won't be bi-sexuals unless you have planted especially selected seed. Some will be females and a few may be males.

To be continued next week.

CLUB NOTES.

Thursday evening a group of the bachelors and married men, whose families are not at present on the island, met to discuss plans for organizing a permanent bachelors club.

Doc. Shields was selected as treasurer and is acting as secretary. No other officers were elected at this meeting. There were ten bachelors present including Station Manager, Bob Hall and the editor.

A second meeting was held Saturday night, at which plans for remodeling the present space that was used by the old bachelors club of Palmyra Island. Doc. Shields gave a report on the finances and the order for beer, which was sent up on Friday nights plane.

It was suggested that no beer be sold until all of the remodeling had been completed and everything was ready for a formal opening. If all of the men help out evenings and Sundays there is no reason why the place cannot be ready by the 15th of December.

After the meeting closed several reels of movies were run off by the editor.

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There are still some Christmas Cards and seals available but you will have to hurry if you want them. The store will only be open a few more evenings. When the old powerline is discontinued in the near future, the small amount of items that have to be kept in a hot locker, will be moved to the editors residence in Hangeville.

The books were closed the 15th of this month and all sales are for cash or check, so as to cut down on the bookkeeping and to get all of the accounts settled as soon as possible.

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The little mynah bird reports that there will be another boat in here in about ten days. Also there is another expected to arrive about December 15th.

At the time this was written there was no official word from Honolulu regarding NC65's arrival in the Big City. If the flight tests went off as scheduled she should be back soon.

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Last week there were heavy winds and heavy rains. This week our recording thermometer registered a high of 92½ degrees while 80 was the lowest temperature in Hangeville. When the weather bureau moves up to the new control building we will try and give full figures on temperature and rainfall each week.

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